

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1339 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) to develop a problem gambling prevention program, develop a strategic plan, and establish an advisory group.

Though I support efforts to address problem gambling, this legislation is duplicative of work being done by ADP. The Department has already established and implemented a problem gambling prevention program, developed and published a statewide strategic plan, contracted with the National Organization for Research at the University of Chicago to publish the 2006 Statewide Problem Gambling Prevalence Survey, and established an 18-member Advisory group to assist ADP with problem gambling prevention and treatment strategies.

For the reasons stated above, I cannot support AB 1339.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger